

CityScope

a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

August – September 2016

Reminders ...

August is Drowning Impact Awareness Month. Direct supervision is the best way to prevent drowning. Never leave your child unattended in or near any pool, tub or other body of water.

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Want the latest updates on Chandler news, road construction, water conservation tips and more? Sign up for e-mail updates through Chandler's Subscription Services page at chandleraz.gov/subscriptions.

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National Constitution Day is observed each year on Sept. 17. It is a federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens.

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City offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, 2016, for the Labor Day holiday.

Trash and recycling collection will not be affected by the holiday, and regular collection will occur. Place your cans out on your normal collection day.

The Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center is closed Monday, Sept. 5, and resumes operation Thursday, Sept. 8.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of July 1, 2016, is 247,882 (+327 from last month).

Mayor Tibshraeny invites you to join his Listening Tour

Learn more about City resources and engage in conversations about your neighborhood

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny will join Chandler's Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016, in hosting a neighborhood meeting as part of a "Listening Tour." The tour is designed to provide residents with information on City resources and services and engage neighborhoods in conversations about the challenges they face. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Hartford Elementary School, located at 700 N. Hartford St. For more information, call the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354.

Chandler Fire, Health & Medical wants you to be prepared

September is Emergency Preparedness Month; check off the items below that everyone should have in their Emergency Kit to be ready in case disaster strikes

September is Emergency Preparedness Month. Even though we are fortunate in Arizona not to be impacted by major natural disasters, emergency situations still can arise. Chandler's Fire, Health & Medical Department recommends that every household should be equipped with an emergency supply kit in their home to provide for the family's basic needs for at least three days.

The emergency kit should contain items that will help the family in the event of a power outage, suspension of water service and the inability to access supermarkets or other local services.

Emergencies can happen anywhere at any time, so it is recommended to also keep a small emergency kit in every vehicle. Be prepared to take care of yourself and those you care for.

Visit the Department of Homeland Security website at ready.gov and Chandler Fire, Health & Medical at chandleraz.gov/fire for additional emergency preparedness information and tools to prepare your family.

Emergency kits should contain the following items:

- Water (minimum of one gallon per person, per day)
- Non-perishable food
- Can opener
- Prescription medication and reading glasses
- First aid kit
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Crank generator
- Cell phone charger
- Cash
- Copies of insurance policies, ID, and bank documents in a waterproof container
- List of important phone numbers
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet supplies and food
- Extra change of clothes and blankets

- Garbage bags and toiletries

What will you do when faced with an emergency?

CERT training gives residents training on how to help in a disaster or emergency situation

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is an all-volunteer, national Homeland Security program. CERT administers a free Basic Class, taught by Chandler firefighters, which teaches you how to prepare and secure your home and family in an emergency or disaster, how to help your community and how to provide assistance until first responders arrive.

The next Chandler Fire CERT Basic Class will be offered the first three Saturdays in September. The final class will culminate with a final disaster drill simulation. Call 480-782-2116, or email certadmin@chandleraz.gov to reserve your spot.

Safety comes first

Take special precautions around garbage and recycling trucks

The City of Chandler and Waste Management, the City's contracted solid waste collector, encourage residents to follow these important safety tips around recycling and garbage collection trucks:

- Know your collection days. Be aware that trucks can arrive anytime between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. Schedules often change due to substitute drivers or street work. Be alert!
- Keep a safe distance from the truck – at least 15 feet. Never climb on the truck. Do not play or stand in or around recycling or garbage cans since you may not know when the truck is coming to empty them.
- Do not attempt or allow children to help with loading any materials into the truck or containers, as they are being collected. In addition to moving truck parts, debris can come out of the truck when its contents are being compressed.
- Collection trucks make frequent stops and often back up, so don't follow the truck closely while walking, running, biking or skating. Stay alert and listen for the back up alarm with "beep-beep-beep" sounds.
- There are several areas where the visibility is restricted for the driver. If you can't see drivers in the eyes, they most likely can't see you.
- It takes service vehicles about twice as long to stop as a passenger car, so never cut in front of or stop suddenly in front of one. Always keep a safe distance from a truck.
- Collection trucks are equipped with a back up alarm. Whether you are walking or driving near one of our trucks, if you hear this sound or see the white back up lights, be sure to move out of the way of the truck.
- Do not park vehicles near recycling or garbage containers or in an area that prevents containers from being collected. Do not park nose-in on cul-de-sacs. All vehicles parking on City streets should park parallel to and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb.

If you have any questions about recycling or trash service, call 480-782-3510, or visit chandleraz.gov/recycle.

Improve your neighborhood

HOA Academy gives neighbors tools and training

A new HOA Academy will be launching this September. The academy will be held at the Environmental Education Center (4050 E. Chandler Heights Rd.) on Thursdays, from noon to 1:30 p.m., beginning September 1, and will run for four weeks. The HOA academies are aimed to provide residents with tools and information to assist them in improving livability standards in neighborhoods.

For more information and to register, call the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4320. Information is also available at chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods.

September calendar highlights

- 1 Fall HOA Academy, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-4354
- 5 Labor Day holiday, City offices closed
- 8 Fall HOA Academy, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-4354
- 9 Chandler Symphony, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 10 Plugged In Concert, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 10 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
- 12 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 13 Mayor's Listening Tour, Hartford Elementary, 480-782-4354
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- 17 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
- 20 C-Town Suitcase Club, Chandler Museum, 480-782-2717
- 20 Trivia Night at The Ostrich, The Ostrich, 480-782-2717
- 22 Fall HOA Academy, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-4354
- 24 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
- 25 Get the Led Out, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

Call the Special Events Hotline at 480-782-2735, or go to chandleraz.gov for event information.

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